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# Little Bow Project Newsletter

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## Civil Projects Branch is Now Part of Alberta Transportation

In a recent reorganization of government departments, Alberta Transportation was split from Alberta Infrastructure. Civil Projects Branch, the branch responsible for the design and construction of the Little Bow Project, is now part of the Transportation and Civil Engineering Division of Alberta Transportation.

## Construction Update

The low level outlet and dam foundation are now in place. The Little Bow River will be diverted through this outlet during construction.

The contract for the earth embankment at the Little Bow Project site has been awarded to Top Notch Construction Limited of Calgary. The dam is scheduled

to be completed to two-thirds height by the fall of 2001 and completely finished by November 2002. Tendering for construction of the auxiliary spillway overflow structure is currently under way. The auxiliary spillway allows for safe passage of large floods - floods greater than what the operational spillway can handle. Construction is scheduled to be complete by November 2001.

Work on the Clear Lake diversion structure, canal, inlet structure, and dikes was completed last fall and diversions began in April 2001. If water is available, the lake will be half-filled this year and brought to full supply level in 2002. Once the lake is full, water will be turned into 12 wetland areas located along the canal and around the lake. Ducks Unlimited Canada, a long time-partner with the community in planning this component, will operate the wetland complex.

The contract for reconstruction of 10 miles of SH 529 west of the Little Bow River (also know as the Fireguard Road) was awarded to CEE GEE Construction Limited of Medicine Hat. Work is expected to commence shortly. A portion of SH529 below the dam was included in the contract for the earth embankment of the dam. The Municipal District of Willow Creek will tender reconstruction of two miles of RR 263 between Parkland Road and SH529 later this year.

## Local Business Information Registry

Hiring will not occur at the project site, but a registry of individuals and area businesses is being compiled and will be made available to successful contractors. Anyone interested in working on the project, or supplying goods or services to the contractors should complete a registration form. Forms are available at the Little Bow Project information office in the Village of Champion, the County of Vulcan economic development office, and the municipal offices for the towns of Staveland, Nanton, Claresholm, and Vulcan.

## Phase 2 of the Historical and Archaeological Investigations Will Proceed this Summer

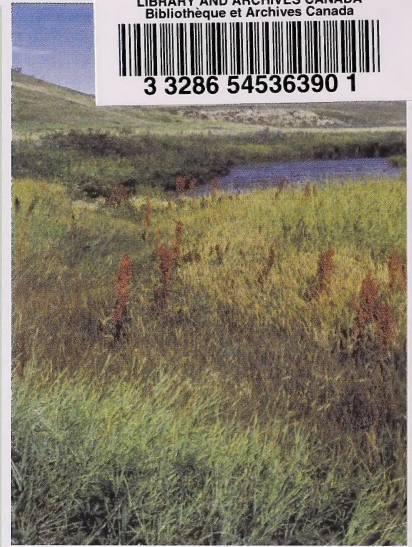
Archaeological findings from work completed in 2000 are being reviewed and will determine if additional archaeological work is required at the project site. Work in 2001 will focus on completing investigations on initially-identified archaeological sites as well as follow-up work required at the sites studied last year. If area groups or schools wish to tour the study site during excavations, please contact the Champion Information Office to arrange a visit.

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